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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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1. AP - FREED : QUOTE: BRUSSELS -- KISSINGER MET
SEPARATELY TODAY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF TURKEY AND
GREECE IN A U.S. EFFORT TO PROMOTE A CYPRUS SOLUTION.

THE HOUR AND 45 MINUTE BREAKFAST MEETING BETWEEN HAK AND
ESENBEL OF TURKEY WAS DESCRIBED BY AMERICAN SOURCES AS
SOMBER BECAUSE OF THE REFUSAL BY CONGRESS TO CONTINUE
U.S. MILITARY AID TO THE ANKARA GOVERNMENT.

THE SECRETARY FOLLOWED WITH AN HOUR SESSION WITH GREEK
FOREIGN MINISTER DIMITRI BITSIOS, WHO SAID THAT KISSINGER
COULD PLAY 'A USEFUL'ROLE.

BUT THIS STATEMENT, EVEN WHEN JOINED WITH AN ESENBEL
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EXPRESSION OF HOPE, DID NOT OVERCOME THE DOUR ATMOSPHERE

THAT HAS SETTLED ON THE HAK PARTY.

THIS IS NO SURPRISE SINCE THE SECRETARY SCHEDULED TODAY'S

MEETING EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NO IDEAS OF HIS OWN FOR SOLVING THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

ESENBEL WAS PARTICULARLY DOWNCAST ABOUT GETTING THE NEGOTIATIONS STARTED, AND IN AN UNUSUAL STATEMENT ABOUT THE ACTIONS OF ANOTHER NATION'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, SEEMED TO BLAME CONGRESS.

HE TERMED 'UNFORTUNATE' THE DECISION BY CONGRESS, FIRST SET OUT IN NOVEMBER, TO CUT MILITARY AID TO HIS GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF ITS INVASION OF CYPRUS LAST SUMMER.

'TURKEY AND THE US DECIDED ON A COURSE OF ACTION IN OCTOBER ON CYPRUS,' HE SAID. 'BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES' CONGRESS SINCE THEN HAS HAMPERED THE PROGRESS WE COULD MAKE.'

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, A SOURCE AT THE BRUSSELS MEETING OF DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SAID THE MINISTERS HAVE REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT IN VLADIVOSTOK TO LIMIT STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE INFORMANT SAID DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER DESCRIBED THE AGREEMENT TUESDAY AT A SESSION OF THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP, AND TOLD THE ALLIED MINISTERS THE PACT WOULD NOT CHANGE U.S. STRATEGY.

THE SOURCE ADDED THAT SCHLESINGER DISPELLED THE DOUBTS OF SOME MINISTERS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO VERIFY IF THE SOVIETS WERE KEEPING THEIR END OF THE ACCORD. HE WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE ASSURED THEM THAT BECAUSE OF ITS TECHNICAL LEAD THE UNITED STATES CAN MAINTAIN A NUCLEAR ADVANTAGE LONGER THAN HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT OVER THE SOVIETS. END QUOTE.

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2. FREED-AP RADIO: QUOTE: SECRETARY KISSINGER IS IN BRUSSELS FOR HIS TWICE YEARLY MEETING WITH OTHER NATO FMS AND TO TALK WITH GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS ON THE CYPRUS CRISIS, NEITHER IS EXPECTED TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH. A SENIOR OFFICIAL ABOARD HAK'S PLANE DURING THE FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON SAID THE SECRETARY HAS NO PROPOSALS TO MAKE TO THE GREEK AND TURKISH FMS FOR STARTING NEGOTIATIONS OVER CYPRUS. THE CUTOFF OF MILITARY AID

TO TURKEY BY THE CONGRESS HAS ADDED TO THE FEELING OF WASTED MOTION. THE OFFICIAL SAID KISSINGER'S MAIN FOCUS AT THE NATO MEETING, STARTING THURSDAY, WILL BE OIL AND ECONOMICS. HE INDICATED NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ARE

EXPECTED IN THESE AREAS EITHER. END QUOTE.

3. CBS RADIO-CHARLES OSGOOD: QUOTE: KISSINGER IS IN BRUSSELS TRYING AGAIN TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE TURKS AND GREEKS IN THEIR DISPUTE OVER CYPRUS. HE HAD BREAKFAST WITH THE TURKISH FM AND DID SO WITH SOME UNPLAYABLE CARDS IN HIS HAND, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING BECAUSE CONGRESS HAS RULED OUT MILITARY AID FOR TURKEY. WITH THE FM STANDING RIGHT THERE, HAK TOLD THE PRESS HE IS IN FAVOR OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

KISSINGER: QUOTE: MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IS NOT GIVEN AS A FAVOR TO TURKEY. IT IS NOT GIVEN TO INFLUENCE A PARTICULAR NEGOTIATION. IT IS GIVEN FOR THE SECURITY OF THE WEST, FOR THE COMMON INTEREST OF ALL THE WESTERN COUNTRIES IN THE DEFENSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND THEREFORE THE POSITION OF OUR ADMINISTRATION WITH RESPECT TO AID TO TURKEY HAS BEEN THE ONE THAT WE HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED. END QUOTE.

THE CURRENT BAN ON THE AID TO TURKEY IS A TEMPORARY MEASURE IN THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION THAT IS KEEPING THE WHOLE AID PROGRAM ALIVE FOR NOW, BUT THE WHOLE ISSUE IS UP FOR DEBATE IN THE CONGRESS TODAY AS PART OF THE NEW 2.6 BILLION DOLLAR FOREIGN AID BILL. END QUOTE.

4. UPI - BRUSSELS: QUOTE: SECRETARY KISSINGER MET UNCLASSIFIED

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TODAY WITH THE TURKISH AND GREEK FOREIGN MINISTERS AND PLEDGED THE U.S. WILL WORK FOR 'AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF CONCILIATION.'

HAK MET SEPARATELY WITH TURKISH FM ESENBEL AND LATER WITH GREEK FM BITSIOS AT THE BRUSSELS HILTON HOTEL. HE SCHEDULED FURTHER MEETINGS WITH EACH LATER TODAY.

'WE HAD A GOOD TALK,' HAK TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER MEETING WITH THE GREEK MINISTER. 'THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF CONCILIATION AND AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE SUFFERING ON THE ISLAND. WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION.'

BITSIOS TOLD NEWSMEN 'KISSINGER'S ROLE CAN BE VERY USEFUL.'

ESENBEL SAID AFTER HIS EARLIER MEETING WITH KISSINGER THAT TURKISH POLICY ON CYPRUS WOULD NOT BE CHANGE BY

THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DECISION TO CUTOFF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

'WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL GET SOME POSITIVE RESULTS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE,' HE TOLD A JOINT PC WITH HAK. ESENBEL ADMITTED, HOWEVER, CONGRESSIONAL ACTION HAMPERED U.S. EFFORTS TO AID A SETTLEMENT IN THE PAST.

A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID TUESDAY THE AID CANCELLATION SERIOUS ENDANGERED KISSINGER'S PEACE MISSION, BUT HAK WOULD NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY. ON THE AID CUTOFF TUESDAY. END QUOTE.

END MEDIA REPORT.

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